

2011 ANNUAL CONVENTION ORLANDO, FLORIDA JULY 3 to JULY 8

× NFB Pledge

I pledge to participate actively in the effort of the National Federation of the Blind to achieve equality, opportunity, and security for the blind; to support the policies and programs of the Federation; and to abide by its constitution.



THE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND OF FLORIDA WELCOME YOU TO THE 71st ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND

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Rosen Shingle Creek 9939 Universal Boulevard Orlando, Florida 32819 (866) 996-9939 Welcome to the 71st annual convention of the National Federation of the Blind being held in Orlando at the Rosen Shingle Creek hotel. An article giving a detailed description of the layout of the hotel appeared in the May *Monitor*. That article is reprinted immediately after the "Convention Notes," which are at the conclusion of the program listings. Check the "Notes" for further information about a variety of convention topics. When you check in to the hotel, you will be asked to confirm your departure date. If you decide to leave earlier than the departure date you confirm when you check in, there will be a \$50 change fee.

ROOKIE ROUNDUP



All first-time convention attendees are cordially invited to attend a reception from 8:00 to 10:00 pm on Sunday in the Panzacola F-1 Ballroom, Level 1. President Maurer and other Federation leaders will be on hand to welcome you to the convention and preview the week's

activities. Veteran conventioneers should urge all first-timers to attend this special event. Also, first-time rookies are invited to join an informal, fun gathering on Tuesday from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm in the Affiliate Action Suite 14230.

REGISTRATION & PREREGISTRATION

Registration activities take place in the Sebastian Ballroom Prefunction area, Level 1 beginning at 9:00 am on Monday; at 8:30 am on Tuesday; and at other times as listed throughout the week. The fee for registration at convention is \$20 per person. All those attending the convention (both local and out-of-town people) are asked to register. Convention registration is a requirement for door prize eligibility and a number of other convention activities. We condition rates for hotel rooms on proof of registration, including the showing of an NFB registration badge if requested.

EXHIBITS AND NFB INDEPENDENCE MARKET

Exhibits and the NFB Independence Market are on display in Sebastian K and L Ballrooms, Level 1. There is a special S*ponsor-level exhibitors* preview for convention attendees on Monday morning from 9:00 to 11:00.

Exhibit hall hours of operation are:

Monday (Sponsors only) 9:00 to 11:00 am

Monday 11:00 am to 5:00 pm Tuesday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Wednesday Noon to 1:45 pm and from 7:00 to 10:00 pm

Thursday Noon to 1:45 pm and 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Independence Market hours of operation are:

Monday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Tuesday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Wednesday Noon to 1:45 pm

Thursday Noon to 1:45 pm (final time slot to visit the Market)



NFB BLIND DRIVER TEST TRACK

Participate in the research behind the building of nonvisual interfaces empowering a blind person to drive. Test the current NFB Blind Driver Challenge™ interfaces on a simulator operated by graduate students at Virginia Tech and complete a short survey. Visit Sebastian L-1 Ballroom, Level 1 (near the exhibit hall) during the following hours:

Sunday 10:00 am to noon and 1:00 to 5:00 pm Monday 9:00 am to noon and 1:00 to 5:00 pm

Tuesday 8:00 to 11:00 am

Wednesday Noon to 1:45 pm and 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Thursday Noon to 1:45 pm

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SPECIAL ATTENTION ITEMS

- The Presidential Suite (13217), the Convention Organization and Activities Suite (13216), the Affiliate Action & Rookie Activities Suite (14230), and the Florida Affiliate Suite (14231) are all open during much of the convention. All are welcome to come to these suites to visit. Appointments to meet with Dr. Maurer may be made at the Presidential Suite.
- Banquet tickets (\$60.00) may be purchased at registration. No tickets will be available after 2:00 pm on Wednesday. At the Banquet Exchange Table you may make arrangements to reserve a specific seat for yourself or for a group of up to ten people. On the evening of the banquet, tickets will be collected at the tables.
- General Sessions will be held in Sebastian I and J Ballrooms, Level 1.
- NLS Oral History Program—MaryBeth Wise of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped is interviewing clients of the NLS for an oral history of the service at convention this year. If you are interested in being interviewed, please call Ms. Wise at (301) 651-6861.
- Individuals needing to conduct business with the NFB Treasurer may do so by going to Wekiwa 9, Level 2 on Wednesday between 5:30 and 7:30 pm, or on Thursday between noon and 2:00 pm.

CONVENTION AGENDA



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7:30 - 8:45 am—AMATEUR RADIO DIVISION EMERGENCY **PREPAREDNESS**

Suwannee 11, Level 2

Discuss convention frequencies, hotel architectural features, and distributing special FM receivers for the hearing-impaired and Spanishspeaking attendees. D. Curtis Willoughby (ka0vba), President

7:30 am - 4:45 pm—WHEN I GROW UP... A Conference for Families and Teachers of Blind/Visually Impaired Children

Panzacola F-1, Level 1

7:30 to 8:45 am—Registration: adults \$30; children (5 to 18) \$15 9:00 to 11:00 am—Conference

11:00 am to 4:45 pm—Concurrent Workshops (see agenda listings) Sponsored by the NFB's National Organization of Parents of Blind Children Division (NOPBC); Laura Weber, President

7:30 am - 5:00 pm—STRUCTURED DISCOVERY: THE HISTORY, THE LEGACY, AND THE FUTURE—TENTH ANNUAL REHABILITATION AND ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY CONFERENCE

Panzacola F-2 Ballroom, Level 1

7:30 to 8:30 am—Registration; 8:30 am—Conference begins NBPCB Fees (includes lunch): Students \$75; Professionals \$100 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm—NBPCB Awards Luncheon in Panzacola F-4. Sponsors: National Blindness Professional Certification Board (NBPCB); National Association of Blind Rehabilitation Professionals (NABRP); and the Professional Development & Research Institute on Blindness (PDRIB) at the Louisiana Tech University. Chairperson: Dr. Edward Bell

8:30 am—CHILD-CARE (Preregistration by June 15 was required) Suwannee 14, 15, 16, and 17, Level 2

Please see "Convention Notes" for further information.

8:30 - 11:30 am—A FIRST LOOK AT JAWS 13—FREEDOM SCIENTIFIC Panzacola H-3 Ballroom, Level 1

Join Eric Damery, JAWS Product Manager, for a session covering the new details surrounding JAWS development. In addition to many demonstrations of JAWS 12 with Settings Center and support for IE 9, this will also be the first look at JAWS 13 scheduled for public beta in September 2011.



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8:30 am - 5:00 pm—NFB JERNIGAN INSTITUTE'S (NFBJI) ACCESS TECHNOLOGY SEMINARS

Wekiwa 6, Level 2

8:30 - 10:00 am—Accessibility for Androids: finding the accessibility and

barriers in Android-driven devices:

10:00 am - 12:00 noon—eBook Accessibility: covering Blio, Kindle for PC.

Adobe Digital Editions, and other platforms;

- 1:30 3:00 pm—There's an Accessible App for That, You Know: making the most of the apps on your phone for productivity, home automation, etc.;
- 3:30 5:00 pm—How to Build an Accessible Web Site: outlining simple ways to make your Web site accessible and easy to navigate.

9:00 am - 3:00 pm—EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE SEMINAR Wekiwa 9, Level 2

Recession? Jobless recovery? Seventy percent unemployment rate among the blind? None of it matters if you know how to find a job in today's environment. The rules are changing, and if you're smart, you can make your own. Come to the seminar and find out how. Dick Davis, Chairperson

9:00 am - 5:00 pm—ARTWORKS AND ART ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES Panzacola H-4 Ballroom, Level 1

Author/editor Debbie Kent Stein and author/artist Ann Cunningham host a drop-in art room featuring a variety of artworks available for exploration by touch. Also art materials are on hand, so visitors may work on their own creations—at no charge—and keep their finished design. So stop by, create, and enjoy!

10:00 am - 12:00 noon—GW MICRO PRODUCT TRAINING: WINDOW-EYES, ORABIS, AND VOCATEX PLUS (To register call 260-489-3671; Fee is \$10.00)

Panzacola H-2 Ballroom, Level 1

Check out the innovative new features in Window-Eyes 7.5 including a brand new user interface, hundreds of free apps, built-in remote assistance and more. Also learn about the Orabis and Vocatex Plus. the world's first talking CCTV solutions. Refreshments provided. Presenter: Marc Solomon.

10:00 am - 12:00 noon—NFB BLIND DRIVER TEST TRACK Sebastian L-1 Ballroom, Level 1



📐 SUNDAY, JULY 3, Continued

10:45 am - 12:15 pm—GET IN THE GAME—NFB YOUTH TRACK (Ages 11-18)

Wekiwa 1 and 2, Level 2

Jump into Youth Track by doing fun icebreakers with friends. Sign up for "The Amazing Race" taking place off-site on Tuesday (fee is \$7). The Youth Track is sponsored by the NFBJI Education Team and is designed to foster positive attitudes about blindness among the youth. Coordinator: Natalie Shaheen.

11:00 am - 12:15 pm—NOPBC CONCURRENT SESSIONS FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS

The Right to Literacy for Young Blind/Visually Impaired Children Suwannee 18, Level 2

Instructors: Ann Burgess and Barbara Bailey

Technology and the IEP Suwannee 19. Level 2

Instructor: Dr. Matt Maurer

IDEA is Over—but Life for Your Adult Child with Additional Disabilities is

Just Beginning

Suwannee 20, Level 2 Instructor: Carol Akers

Get a Life—A Social Life. That Is **Suwannee 21, Level 2**

Instructor: Mary Fernandez

1:00 - 3:00 pm—FREEDOM SCIENTIFIC: HANDS-ON DEMONSTRATIONS OF OPENBOOK 9, PEARL, AND SARA CE

Panzacola H-3 Ballroom, Level 1

Featuring the OpenBook/PEARL combination and the new SARA CE reading appliance, followed by some time to try it out for yourself. Bring the materials you typically scan. If you have a laptop, bring it with you. We will install OpenBook, and you can try it out with your machine and the provided PEARL cameras.

1:00 - 5:00 pm—NFB BLIND DRIVER TEST TRACK Sebastian L-1 Ballroom, Level 1



SUNDAY, JULY 3, Continued

1:00 - 5:00 pm—ACCESSIBLE eBAY Wekiwa 7, Level 2

If you're interested in buying and selling on eBay but find the eBay site challenging, this presentation is for you. Learn how to research items, place bids, list items for sale, and discover how enhanced accessibility features make the world's largest on-line marketplace more available to blind shoppers and sellers than ever before.

1:00 - 5:00 pm—HUMANWARE PRODUCT SHOWCASE AND USER GROUPS

Wekiwa 5, Level 2

1:00 pm: GPS travel with the Breeze; 2:00 pm: BrailleNote; 3:00 pm: Victor Stream; and 4:00 pm: Achieving Braille literacy with portable audio devices. Join HumanWare to learn about new updates and share product tips. Give us your suggestions and ask questions about your favorite HumanWare product.

1:00 - 6:00 pm—KRAFTERS DIVISION CRAFT SHOW Sebastian I-4 Ballroom, Level 1

If you are interested in crafts and appreciate hand-made items, this is the place to be! Come and meet some very talented Federation crafters and purchase their beautiful items for sale. Joyce Kane, President **1:30 - 2:45 pm**—EXPERIENCE THE BLIO READER: MAKING THE WORLD'S BOOKS ENJOYABLE, USABLE, AND ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYONE!

Wekiwa 3, Level 2

Presented by James Gashel

1:30 - 4:30 pm—THE BLIND LIFE: YOUTH TRACK SESSIONS (AGES 11-18).

Wekiwa 1, Level 2—youth ages 11-14 Wekiwa 2, Level 2—youth ages 14-18

Games designed to entertain and stretch your ideas about blindness— Test your skills through JENGA; let your inner actor/actress out through Get A CLUE; take a RISK; and play the game of LIFE.

1:30 - 4:30 pm—SENIORS SEMINAR: FINDING SOLUTIONS Wekiwa 4, Level 2

1:30 pm—Registration; 2:00 pm—Seminar begins
This seminar will focus on problem solving, ways to spread our
message, and new ways of accomplishing old tasks. If you are a senior
who has recently lost some vision or wants ideas to take home to
others, you will want to join us. Please come and share your solutions.
Judy Sanders, President



SUNDAY, JULY 3, Continued

2:00 - 3:15 pm—NOPBC CONCURRENT SESSIONS FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS

Age-Appropriate Expectations

Suwannee 18, Level 2 Instructor: Dr. Ruby Ryles

Behavior: Who's in Control Here Anyway?

Suwannee 19, Level 2 Instructor: Dr. Jerry Petroff

Preparing for College

Suwannee 20, Level 2

Instructor: Barbara Mathews and College Student Panel

Tools and Techniques for the Classroom

Suwannee 21, Level 2

Instructors: Dr. Lillian Rankel, Marilyn Winograd, Dr. Cary Supalo, and Dr. Andrew Greenberg

3:00 - 4:45 pm—EXPERIENCE THE BLIO READER: MAKING THE WORLD'S BOOKS ENJOYABLE, USABLE, AND ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYONE!

Wekiwa 3, Level 2

Presented by James Gashel

3:30 - 4:30 pm—ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS Sebastian I-1 Ballroom, Level 1 Father Gregory Paul, C.P., Celebrant

3:30 - 4:45 pm—NOPBC CONCURRENT SESSIONS FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS

Issues in Standardized Testing

Suwannee 18, Level 2 Instructor: Pat Renfranz

Behavior: Who's in Control Here Anyway?

Suwannee 19, Level 2 Instructor: Dr. Jerry Petroff



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NOPBC CONCURRENT SESSIONS, Cont'd

An Independent Life: Equipping Your Child with Skills

Suwannee 20, Level 2 Instructor: Melody Roane

Out and About: Independent Mobility for Your Child

Suwannee 21, Level 2

Instructor: Denise Mackenstadt

3:30 - 6:00 pm—COMMUNITY SERVICES ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING Wekiwa 9, Level 2

Come join fellow service-minded Federationists as we begin the first step to opening doors for the organized blind in the field of community service. All are welcome. Let's get involved! Darian Smith, Coordinator

5:00 - 7:00 pm—SPANISH SEMINAR Wekiwa 4, Level 2

Blindness is blindness, no matter what the language. Meet new and old friends; learn about Federation philosophy and the truth about blindness—in Spanish. Moderator: Alpidio Rolón

5:00 - 8:00 pm—MIX-AND-MINGLE RECEPTION FOR REHABILITATION PROFESSIONALS

Panzacola F-4 Ballroom, Level 1

6:00 - 10:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GUIDE DOG USERS (NAGDU) ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Panzacola H-3 Ballroom, Level 1

6:00 pm-Registration; 7:00 pm-Meeting begins Updates on Division initiatives, including the Education and Advocacy Hotline, legal cases, affiliate division reports, elections, and guide dog training program reports. Marion Gwizdala, President

6:30 - 10:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND OFFICE PROFESSIONALS

Suwannee 19, Level 2

6:30 pm-Registration; 7:00 pm-Meeting begins Learn about new technology and how blind telephone operators, receptionists, customer service reps, Braille transcribers and proofreaders, and other office workers solve problems and challenges in the office setting. Lisa Hall, President



SUNDAY, JULY 3, Continued

7:00 - 8:30 pm—LIVING HISTORY GROUP Suwannee 20, Level 2

Dedicated to recording, preserving, and appreciating Federation history. Michael Freholm, Chairperson

7:00 - 9:00 pm—NOPBC FAMILY HOSPITALITY NIGHT Wekiwa 1 and 2, Level 2

Relax and chat in an informal atmosphere. This is a great opportunity to meet new families and connect with old friends. Veteran parents will be on hand to welcome you and share information.

7:00 - 10:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND VETERANS Suwannee 18, Level 2

How can we better serve our veterans and show them our appreciation at the same time? Join us to find out about the Wounded Warrior Initiative program we have begun and how you can become involved. We are also holding our annual elections. Let's grow the NABV like never before! Dwight Sayer, President

8:00 - 9:00 pm—WHITE CANE AND AFFILIATE FINANCE COMMITTEE Wekiwa 4, Level 2; Alpidio Rolón, Chairperson

8:00 - 10:00 pm—NFB LIONS GROUP Suwannee 21, Level 2

NFB members who would like to join a Lions Club or are already Lions are urged to meet to share ideas and experiences. Please wear your shirts or vests for a photo. Co-Chairpersons: Ramona Walhof and Milton Ota

8:00 - 10:00 pm—ROOKIE ROUNDUP RECEPTION Panzacola F-1 Ballroom, Level 1

First-time convention attendees—don't miss this event! President Maurer and former rookies will be on hand to welcome you and answer questions about the week's activities. Casual dress. Coordinator: Pam Allen, Director of the Louisiana Center for the Blind and President of the NFB of Louisiana

8:00 pm - midnight—KARAOKE NIGHT ↑ ↑ (Admission: \$5.00) Panzacola F-3 Ballroom, Level 1

Enjoy music, door prizes, and a cash bar; meet BLIND, Incorporated's students and alumni and share their experiences from training. Here's your chance to sing like a rock star; Braille song lists are available. Hosted by BLIND, Incorporated.



SUNDAY, JULY 3, Continued

9:00 - 10:00 pm—NFB AMBASSADORS COMMITTEE MEETING Wekiwa 10, Level 2

Angela Wolf, Chairperson

9:00 pm - midnight—STUDENTS OPEN HOUSE Affiliate Action Suite 14230

Students of all ages are invited to this informal open house gathering sponsored by the National Association of Blind Students Division. Come to meet and mingle with other blind students and young professionals!



MONDAY, JULY 4, 2011

9:00 am - 5:00 pm—REGISTRATION (\$20); BANQUET TICKET SALES (\$60); Sebastian Ballroom Pre-function Area, Level 1

9:00 - 11:00 am—SPONSOR-LEVEL EXHIBITORS PREVIEW Sebastian K Ballroom, Level 1

The exhibit hall opens its doors and is dedicated solely to sponsor-level exhibitors. Come to say "thank you" to our sponsors and enjoy their interesting offers and demonstrations. Our Convention Sponsors are: **Title**: eBay Inc.

Platinum: HumanWare; UPS

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and

VitalSource Technologies

Silver: Freedom Scientific; Adobe Systems

Bronze: IBM; National Industries for the Blind; Research in Motion White Cane: GW Micro, Inc.; Toyota; HIMS; Sendero Group; Learning Ally

(formerly Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic); LevelStar; Independence

Science; C AND P (Chris Park Design); En-Vision America.

9:00 - 11:00 am—INDEPENDENCE MARKET Sebastian L Ballroom, Level 1

9:00 am - 12:00 noon—NFB BLIND DRIVER TEST TRACK Sebastian L-1 Ballroom, Level 1

11:00 am - 5:00 pm—EXHIBITS AND INDEPENDENCE MARKET Sebastian K and L Ballrooms, Level 1

12:00 noon - 4:30 pm—AUTO SHOW (CLASSICS, ANTIQUES, AND SPECIAL INTEREST VEHICLES)

Event Parking Lot Area

Presented by the NFB CARS Division; Joe Naulty, President

1:00 - 3:00 pm—eBAY SELLING STRATEGIES: BEYOND ACCESSIBILITY **Suwannee 20, Level 2**

Discover the benefits of joining the 92-million-member eBay community. What's selling and at what price? What does it take to create a listing that attracts top bids? Whether you want to clear out Grandma's attic or develop a thriving business, join us to learn strategies for eBay selling success.



MONDAY, JULY 4, Continued

1:00 - 3:00 pm—NFB-NEWSLINE®: MORE TO CHOOSE THAN NEWS! **Suwannee 18, Level 2**

Learn about the NFB's free audible newspaper service for the blind, with specific information on the enhanced job-listings feature, our

newest access method the NFB- NEWSLINE® NLS Digital Talking-Book Downloader, and the variety of content available to subscribers.

1:00 - 4:00 pm—BLIND MUSICIANS GROUP **Suwannee 19, Level 2**

Share ideas and tips and network with other blind musicians. Linda Mentink, Chairperson

1:00 - 5:00 pm—ARTWORKS AND ART ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES Panzacola H-4 Ballroom, Level 1

Author/editor Debbie Kent Stein and author/artist Ann Cunningham host a drop-in art room featuring a variety of artworks available for exploration by touch. Also art materials are on hand, so visitors may work on their own creations--at no charge--and keep their finished design. So stop by, create, and enjoy!

1:00 - 5:00 pm—NOTE TAKER & DAISY PLAYER TECHNOLOGY FROM HIMS

Wekiwa 9, Level 2

Learn about the latest note taker technology including social networking with Twitter and Google Talk, PDF and EPUB support, iDevice connectivity and new integrated dictionary and thesaurus. Also discover exciting and unique features of HIMS BookSense DAISY players! To register go to www.hims-inc.com.

1:00 - 5:00 pm—NATIONAL CERTIFICATION IN LITERARY BRAILLE (NCLB) OFFICIAL EXAMINATION—SECTIONS ONE AND TWO Wekiwa 3, Level 2

Participants must have preregistered. Exam sections three and four are on Tuesday at 1:00 pm. Sponsored by the National Blindness Professional Certification Board



MONDAY, JULY 4, Continued

1:00 - 5:00 pm—NFB BLIND DRIVER TEST TRACK

Sebastian L-1 Ballroom, Level 1

1:00 - 5:00 pm—THE SEEING EYE "CELEBRATION OF INDEPENDENCE" ICE CREAM PARTY

Panzacola F-4 Ballroom, Level 1

Celebrate independence with The Seeing Eye! Seeing Eye® grads and others interested in guide dog travel are invited to share your tales and tails at this ice cream party. The Seeing Eye is the most experienced guide dog school in the world. Independence with dignity—and ice cream.

1:00 - 5:00 pm—NFB-NEWSLINE® DEMONSTRATION OPEN HOUSE Wekiwa 7, Level 2

Stop by and learn about NFB's free audio information service and get hands-on experience with access methods (including the NLS Digital Talking Book Downloader) and our enhanced job-listings feature.

1:00 - 9:00 pm—SELF-DEFENSE CLASS; SPORTS & REC DIVISION Panzacola F-3 Ballroom, Level 1

Back by popular demand! We are hosting several self-defense workshops instructed by internationally renowned Sensei Stephen Nikols. Space is limited, so contact Lisamaria Martinez to sign up—call (510) 289-2577 or e-mail lmartinez217@gmail.com. Lisamaria Martinez, President

1:30 pm—RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE Sebastian J Ballroom, Level 1 Sharon Maneki, Chairperson

1:30 - 2:45 pm—EXPERIENCE THE BLIO READER: MAKING THE WORLD'S BOOKS ENJOYABLE, USABLE, AND ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYONE!

Suwannee 21, Level 2

Presented by James Gashel

3:00 - 4:45 pm—EXPERIENCE THE BLIO READER: MAKING THE WORLD'S BOOKS ENJOYABLE, USABLE, AND ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYONE!

Suwannee 21, Level 2

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4:00 - 5:00 pm—WRITING YOUR SCRIPT: NFB YOUTH TRACK (ages 11-18)

Wekiwa 8. Level 2

Whether you are an aspiring writer or just want to brush up on the basics, join members of the Writers Division for a fun and informative workshop.

4:00 - 6:00 pm—FEDERATION REGENERATION **Suwannee 18, Level 2**

Learn how to develop quality programs in your state while regenerating your Federation spirit. Sponsored by the NFB Jernigan Institute; Natalie Shaheen. Coordinator

4:15 - 5:45 pm—FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MOCK TRIAL—National Association of Blind Lawyers; Scott LaBarre, President

Panzacola G-1 Ballroom, Level 1

Admission: \$5.00. Federation lawyers are pitted against each other reenacting an old Federation case with the audience serving as the jury. Although the subject matter is very serious, the courtroom portrayers are very entertaining.

5:00 - 6:30 pm—NFB RESEARCH ROUNDUP **Affiliate Action Suite 14230**

The NFB Jernigan Institute and the editors of the Journal of Blindness Innovation and Research invite you to a networking gathering for current and future researchers interested in topics related to the blind. Spark new collaborations and ways to share information about research projects to be undertaken. Contact: Mark Riccobono, Executive Director for the Jernigan Institute

6:00 - 7:30 pm—NFB AFFILIATE PRESIDENTS AND TREASURERS **SEMINAR**

Wekiwa 5, Level 2

All affiliate presidents and treasurers are asked to attend this session. Topics include internal controls, state charitable registrations, end-of-year preparations, and discussing individual state issues with facilitators Charlie Brown, Ron Gardner, Bridgid Burke, and Nick Lambright

6:00 - 8:00 pm—STORY TIME IDOL—NFB WRITERS DIVISION **Suwannee 18, Level 2**

Tell and/or listen to tall and scary stories (suitable for all ages). Cost is \$5.00 at the door and \$1.00 to tell a story. Idol winners share in the take! Robert Leslie Newman, President



MONDAY, JULY 4, Continued

6:15 - 10:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND STUDENTS (NABS)

Panzacola G-1 Ballroom, Level 1

6:15pm-Registration (\$5.00); 7:00 pm-Meeting Students, young professionals, parents, teachers, and anyone interested in learning about issues affecting blind students are welcome to attend.

Arielle Silverman, President

7:00 - 8:30 pm—PUBLIC EMPLOYEES DIVISION Suwannee 19, Level 2

Ivan Weich, President

7:30 - 9:00 pm—LIBRARY SERVICES COMMITTEE Suwannee 20, Level 2

David Hyde, Chairperson

7:30 - 9:30 pm—BLIND PARENTS GROUP Wekiwa 10, Level 2

Blind parents share their experiences around child-raising issues, such as learning infant care, coping with printed homework assignments, finding print/Braille books, dealing with the public's misconceptions, and more.

Deborah Kent Stein, Chairperson

7:30 - 10:00 pm—COMMITTEE FOR THE PROMOTION, EVALUATION, AND ADVANCEMENT OF TECHNOLOGY

Suwannee 11, Level 2

Hear exhibitors explain briefly what they are exhibiting and where they are located in the exhibit hall. We will also evaluate the effectiveness of what our Committee is doing now and consider programs for the coming year. Gary Wunder, Chairperson

8:00 - 9:00 pm—JUDAISM MEETING Suwannee 21, Level 2 David Stayer, Chairperson, NFB in Judaism Group



MONDAY, JULY 4, Continued

8:00 - 9:30 pm—MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: FINDING, ATTRACTING, AND KEEPING NEW MEMBERS IN OUR CHAPTERS AND AFFILIATES Wekiwa 5, Level 2

The NFB is a dynamic and thriving organization—achieved entirely by the sheer determination and creativity of its members, present and past. Please join us to discuss new ideas to increase our membership further, such as "at large" chapters and how they work. Ron Gardner, Chairperson; J.W. Smith, Co-Chairperson

9:00 - 10:00 pm—SPANISH TRANSLATION COMMITTEE Suwannee 18, Level 2

We provide simultaneous translation into Spanish during the general sessions of the convention. Please join us if you would like to help with this effort. Norman Gardner, Chairperson



TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2011

8:00 - 11:00 am—NFB BLIND DRIVER TEST TRACK Sebastian L-1 Ballroom, Level 1

8:30 am - 5:00 pm—EXHIBITS AND INDEPENDENCE MARKET Sebastian K and L Ballrooms, Level 1

8:30 am - **5:00** pm—REGISTRATION (\$20); BANQUET TICKET SALES (\$60); Sebastian Ballroom Pre-function Area, Level 1

9:00 - 11:30 am—NFB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (Open to all) Sebastian I and J Ballrooms, Level 1

11:30 am - 12:30 pm—BLIND APPRENTICE: YOUTH TRACK (ages 11-18)

Suwannee 11, Level 2

Want to be a lawyer? Do you plan to teach or work in the human services field? Are you unsure what career to consider? No matter how you answered these questions, gather with us to hear from members of the NFB's various divisions as they describe their division to find the one that is right for you.

12:00 noon - 2:00 pm—FIRST-TIME NFB CONVENTION ATTENDEES **Affiliate Action Suite 14230**

Is this your first National Federation of the Blind convention? If so, please bring your own lunch and participate in a fun gathering; meet some friendly people and have your convention questions answered by experienced Federationists.

12:30 - 5:00 pm—DIABETES ACTION NETWORK (DAN) SEMINAR Suwannee 20, Level 2

12:30 pm-Registration; 1:00 pm-Meeting begins Learn about new, accessible diabetes equipment coming to market. Mike Freeman, President

12:30 - 5:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND LAWYERS (NABL) Panzacola F-2 Ballroom, Level 1

12:30 pm - Registration; 1:00 pm - Meeting begins Examine laws affecting blind people and others with disabilities; address ongoing struggles to gain equal access to Web sites, employment, legal texts and exams. Scott LaBarre, President



TUESDAY, JULY 5, Continued

12:30 - 5:00 pm—NFB IN COMPUTER SCIENCE Wekiwa 6, Level 2

12:30 pm-Registration; 1:00 pm-Meeting begins Some of the topics include nonvisual access to software used by Information Technology professionals, Accessible Network Administration Tools, and much more. Curtis Chong, President

12:30 - 5:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE BLIND IN COMMUNITIES OF FAITH

Suwannee 19, Level 2

12:30 pm-Registration; 1:00 pm-Meeting begins
The theme is "Meeting Challenges: Gaining Opportunities." Speakers
tell how their faith has helped them face and overcome challenges;
also hear representatives from various faith-based libraries and
publishing houses describe what their organizations do; elections. Tom
Anderson, President

12:30 - 9:00 pm—SPORTS AND RECREATION DIVISION MEETING Panzacola F-3 Ballroom, Level 1

12:30 pm-Registration; 1:00 pm-Meeting begins Our division meeting is quite an experience. Wear your sweats and be comfortable so you can move! Get ready to row your way into fitness and fun with indoor row machines. Lisamaria Martinez, President

1:00 - 3:00 pm—PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING & SEMINAR

Suwannee 13, Level 2

Don't wait for the media to discover you—come and share ideas and strategies on how to harness the power of the media! Members of the committee and the newly created NFB Press Corps, as well as others interested in getting our message out, are encouraged to attend. Chris Danielsen, Chairperson

1:00 - 3:30 pm—PROFESSIONALS IN BLINDNESS EDUCATION Wekiwa 2, Level 2

All professionals working with students (from birth to age 21) are welcome and encouraged to join us for this informative and interactive meeting. Come network and collaborate! Annee Hartzell, Chairperson

1:00 - 4:00 pm—PERFORMING ARTS DIVISION Suwannee 21, Level 2

General meeting with elections, an introduction to our new state divisions, and speakers. Dennis H.R. Sumlin, President



TUESDAY, JULY 5, Continued

1:00 - 4:00 pm—NOPBC ANNUAL DIVISION MEETING: OPTIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Panzacola H-3 Ballroom, Level 1

Presenting the Distinguished Educator of Blind Children winner, special guest speakers, blind students panel, and more! Laura Weber, President

1:00 - 4:30 pm—NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF BLIND EDUCATORS Wekiwa 1, Level 2

1:00 pm-Registration; 1:30 pm-Meeting begins Blind teachers discuss techniques they use in their classrooms; participants also meet in groups specific to grade level and content areas of interest to create a network of mentors. If you teach or are considering a career in teaching at any level, please join us. Sheila Koenig, President

1:00 - 5:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND MERCHANTS REVOLUTIONIZING RANDOLPH-SHEPPARD: CREATING NEW, ROBUST, AND DIVERSE SMALL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE BLIND

Panzacola H-2 Ballroom, Level 1

1:00 pm-Registration; 1:30 pm-Meeting begins The title says it all. Let's continue to protect and defend the RandolphSheppard Program. The need to expand business opportunities and to develop new business initiatives for the blind of America is pressing. Nicky Gacos, President

1:00 - 5:00 pm—NATIONAL CERTIFICATION IN LITERARY BRAILLE (NCLB) OFFICIAL EXAMINATION—SECTIONS THREE AND FOUR Wekiwa 3, Level 2

Participants must have preregistered. Sponsored by the National Blindness Professional Certification Board

1:00 - 5:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND REHABILITATION **PROFESSIONALS**

Wekiwa 5, Level 2

1:00 pm-Registration; 2:00 pm-Meeting begins Network, share mutual interests, find placement strategies, and examine and discuss concerns and current issues. Melody Lindsey, President



X TUESDAY, JULY 5, Continued

1:00 - 5:00 pm—"SENIORS IN CHARGE"—NFB SENIORS DIVISION MEETING AND (SOMEWHAT) SILENT AUCTION

Wekiwa 4, Level 2

Join us to hear enthusiastic seniors share ideas about what they are doing; find out ways (gathered at our seminar) to spread our message of hope to seniors who have recently become blind. And then, of course, we are also having our very popular not-so-silent auction. Judy Sanders, President

1:00 - 5:00 pm—NFB-NEWSLINE® DEMONSTRATION OPEN HOUSE Wekiwa 7, Level 2

Stop by and learn about NFB's free audio information service and get hands-on experience with access methods (including the NLS Digital Talking Book Downloader) and our enhanced job-listings feature.

1:00 - 6:00 pm—HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION **Suwannee 11, Level 2**

1:00-Registration; 2:00-Meeting begins; 5:00—Mingle and network Psychologists; social workers; counselors; and music, art, or dance

therapists meet to discuss topics and network. David Stayer, President

1:30 - 3:00 pm—CULTURAL EXCHANGE AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Wekiwa 10, Level 2

Diane McGeorge, Chairperson

1:30 - 4:30 pm—WRITERS DIVISION BUSINESS MEETING Wekiwa 9, Level 2

Updating members on division business, announcing the 2011 winners of the youth and adult writing contests, listening to an expert on BLOGS, holding elections, and planning for the future. Robert Leslie Newman, President

2:00 - 3:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND ENTREPRENEURS Room location—contact James Bonerbo, Division president, at the hotel. All interested persons are welcome to join in an open discussion.

2:30 - 5:30 pm—TRAVEL AND TOURISM DIVISION **Suwannee 18, Level 2**

Topic of discussion: travel with blind consumers and blind travel professionals. Don Gillmore, President



X TUESDAY, JULY 5, Continued

3:15 - 5:15 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND PIANO **TECHNICIANS**

Suwannee 13. Level 2

What does a piano technician do? Is piano technology uniquely suited to the blind? How do new technologies like electronic keyboards affect piano technology? Get answers to these questions to help you find a possible career. Hear how a piano is tuned; get hands-on experience. Don Mitchell, President

5:00 - 6:30 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND LAWYERS (NABL) RECEPTION

Panzacola F-2 Ballroom, Level 1

For NABL members and seminar participants only to promote networking and fellowship within our membership. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar available.

Scott LaBarre, President

5:00 - 7:00 pm—BRAILLE BOOK FAIR Panzacola H-4 Ballroom, Level 1

A book lover's dream! Browse tables of new and used Braille and print/Braille books. Volunteers will box your books and deliver them to the post office for Free Matter shipment. Books are free, and donations are encouraged to help support our Braille programs. Cosponsored by NOPBC and NAPUB. Coordinator: Barbara Cheadle

5:30 - 7:00 pm—KURZWEIL 1000™ USERS' CONTINGENT **Wekiwa 10, Level 2**

Join us for the Kurzweil 1000 Users' Contingent! Meet with Stephen Baum, Vice President of Engineering, and share with your fellow users. Kurzweil 1000 is our state-of-the-art, text-to-speech and life navigation software for blind and visually impaired readers.

6:00 - 8:00 pm—NEWSLETTER PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE **Suwannee 18, Level 2**

Newsletters rule! But---what about e-mail lists, Web sites, social media, and the future of communication? Robert Leslie Newman, Chairman

6:00 - 9:00 pm—BACK TO BASICS: FOUNDATIONS IN MEMBERSHIP AND CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT

Panzacola H-2 Ballroom, Level 1

Topics: replacing agenda-driven meetings with project-oriented meetings, mechanics of running a chapter, building membership, fundraising, Federation



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philosophy, and using at-large chapters effectively. Special recognition will be given to chapter presidents. Presented by the NFB Affiliate Action Team

6:00 - 10:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GUIDE DOG USERS (NAGDU) SEMINAR; 6:00 pm–Registration; 7:00 pm–Seminar begins **Panzacola H-3 Ballroom, Level 1**

The blind traveler: Your Guide Dog and In-flight Emergency Procedures, presenter is Peg Slater, a flight attendant trainer; and Screening Blind Passengers, presenter is Rhonda Basha, Director, Office of Disability Policy and Outreach, TSA. Also, test-drive a guide dog! Marion Gwizdala, President

6:30 - 9:30 pm—SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING DIVISION **Suwannee 21, Level 2**

6:30 pm–Registration; 7:00 pm–Meeting begins John Miller, President

6:30 - 10:00 pm—ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY TRAINERS DIVISION **Suwannee 19, Level 2**

6:30 pm-Registration; 7:00 pm-Meeting begins
Topics: determining the right note taker for your student; plunging
without fear into Windows 7 with Cathyanne Murtha of Access
Technology Institute; Jsay Pro; and teaching the Mac. Michael Barber,
President

7:00 - 8:30 pm—"NEVER TOO LATE," a play by Jerry Whittle (Admission: \$5.00; Second performance is at 9:00 pm) **Panzacola G-1 Ballroom, Level 1**

A romantic comedy which follows Cassie Jamison, a young woman who is enrolled in Center training to enhance her skills of blindness. In the end, Cassie is not the only one learning new and challenging life lessons. Performed by the Louisiana Center for the Blind (LCB) Players; proceeds go to the LCB's summer training program for blind children.

7:00 - 8:30 pm—NFB GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP Suwannee 13, Level 2

Learn to plan, write, and submit a strong grant application; discover key points and strategies about how to identify appropriate funders and submit a winning proposal. A brief overview of the Imagination Fund grant program will also be included. Coordinator: Seth Lamkin, NFB Jernigan Institute



TUESDAY, JULY 5, Continued

7:00 - 9:00 pm—CLASSICS, ANTIQUES, AND RODS (CARS) DIVISION SEMINAR AND BUSINESS MEETING

Wekiwa 9, Level 2

Come and hear speakers from automobile clubs talk about their activities and participate in the division business meeting. Joseph B. Naulty, President

7:00 - 9:00 pm—COMMITTEE TO EMPOWER UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS

Wekiwa 2, Level 2

If you are feeling underserved, come and let your voice be heard! Ron Brown, Chairperson

7:00 - 9:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION TO PROMOTE THE USE OF BRAILLE (NAPUB) SEMINAR

Wekiwa 1, Level 2

Learn about Braille-related research, discuss current projects with vendors who produce Braille through hard copy and technology, experience the enthusiasm of some of our Braille Readers Are Leaders winners, and develop strategies for strengthening our division. Sandy Halverson, President

7:00 pm - midnight—SALSA DANCE LESSIONS AND PARTY (Fee: \$5.00)

Panzacola F-4 Ballroom, Level 1

Get into the "rhythm" of the convention—learn the salsa! Group and individual instructions provided at any level of proficiency; two new lessons have been added this year. Fee of \$5.00 benefits the NFB Spanish Translation Committee (Norman Gardner, Chairperson). Cash bar. Coordinator: Conchita Hernandez.

8:00 - 9:30 pm—WEBMASTERS MEETING Suwannee 20, Level 2

A meeting for all *NFB affiliate and division* Webmasters to discuss the importance of an informative, accessible, and visually attractive Website.

Gary Wunder, Chairperson, Webmasters Group

8:15 - 9:15 pm—FRIENDS OF RECOVERY MEETING Suwannee 11, Level 2

All convention delegates involved in or interested in twelve-step recovery programs are invited to attend. A second Friends of Recovery meeting will be on Thursday at 8:00 pm. Coordinator: Gary Ray



TUESDAY, JULY 5, Continued

8:30 - 10:30 pm—eBAY SELLING STRATEGIES: BEYOND ACCESSIBILITY

Suwannee 18, Level 2

Discover the benefits of joining the 92-million-member eBay community. What's selling and at what price? What does it take to create a listing that attracts top bids? Whether you want to clear out Grandma's attic or develop a thriving business, join us to learn strategies for eBay selling success.

9:00 - 10:30 pm—"NEVER TOO LATE," a play by Jerry Whittle (Fee: \$5.00) Panzacola G-1 Ballroom, Level 1

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8:00 - 8:45 am—DEVOTIONS Wekiwa 1, Level 2

8:15 - 8:45 am—REGISTRATION (\$20); BANQUET TICKET SALES (\$60) **Sebastian Ballroom Pre-function Area, Level 1**

OPENING GENERAL SESSION

9:30 am INVOCATION

9:35 am WELCOMING CEREMONIES

9:55 am CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM: VETERANS RECOGNIZED
Dwight Sayer, President, National Association of Blind
Veterans,
National Federation of the Blind; Winter Gardens,
Florida

10:05 am ROLL CALL OF STATES AND APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

11:45 am REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

12:00 pm ADJOURN

12:00 noon - 12:30 pm and 1:30 - 2:00 pm—REGISTRATION (\$20); FINAL BANQUET TICKET SALES (\$60)—Sebastian Ballroom Prefunction Area, Level 1

12:00 noon - 1:45 pm—EXHIBITS AND INDEPENDENCE MARKET Sebastian K and L Ballrooms, Level 1

12:00 noon - 1:45 pm—BLIND DRIVER TEST TRACK Sebastian L-1 Ballroom, Level 1



WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, Continued

12:15 - 1:45 pm—LOUISIANA CENTER FOR THE BLIND ALUMNI LUNCHEON

Panzacola F-4 Ballroom, Level 1

All LCB alumni and those interested in learning more about how training at the Louisiana Center for the Blind will change your life are welcome. Pam Allen, Director

GENERAL SESSION

2:00 pm CALL TO ORDER

2:05 pm PRESIDENTIAL REPORT, MARC MAURER

3:00 pm GETTING AN EDUCATION FOR BLIND CHILDREN AND

ADULTS: HOW TO SURVIVE WITH PROPER

EXPECTATIONS AND ACCESSIBILITY

Moderator: Anil Lewis, Director of Strategic Communications,

National Federation of the Blind; Baltimore, Maryland

The Honorable Alexa Posny, Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, United States Department of Education; Washington, D.C.

Gaeir Dietrich, Director of the High Tech Center Training Unit, California Community Colleges; Chair, Advisory Commission On Accessible Instructional Materials in Postsecondary Education for Students with Disabilities, Convened by the Secretary of Education, United States Department of

Education;

Cupertino, California.

Peter Osborne, Head of International Partnerships and Development,

Royal National Institute of Blind People; Peterborough, United Kingdom

3:55 pm THE AMERICAN SPIRIT IN ACTION: CREATING OPPORTUNITY,

RESPONSIBILITY, AND FAITH

Harris Rosen, President and Chief Operating Officer of Rosen Hotels and Resorts; Orlando, Florida



WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, Continued

4:15 pm THE FIRST BLIND DRIVER ON THE DAYTONA SPEEDWAY: A PROGRAM INITIATED BY THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND

Mark Riccobono, Executive Director, National Federation of the Blind Jernigan Institute; Baltimore, Maryland

Dr. Dennis Hong, Associate Professor, Mechanical Engineering; Director, Robotics and Mechanisms Laboratory (RoMeLa), Virginia Tech University; Blacksburg, Virginia

4:55 pm REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

5:00 pm ADJOURN

5:30 - 6:30 pm—NOMINATING COMMITTEE Suwannee 11, Level 2

5:30 - 6:30 pm—NFB-LINK, OUR ONLINE MENTORING PROGRAM **Affiliate Action Suite 14230**

Attention current and future NFB-Link mentors! Join the Affiliate Action team for training and mentoring tips unique to the Internet-based mentoring experience. NFB-LINK is our online mentoring program, and by becoming a mentor, you will see how a little time on the computer can make a huge difference.

6:00 - 9:00 pm—DEAF-BLIND DIVISION BUSINESS MEETING **Wekiwa 3, Level 2**

6:00 pm-Registration; 7:00 pm-Meeting begins Burnell Brown, President

6:30 - 8:30 pm—eBAY SELLING STRATEGIES: BEYOND ACCESSIBILITY **Suwannee 19, Level 2**

Discover the benefits of joining the 92-million-member eBay

community. What's selling and at what price? What does it take to create a listing that attracts top bids? Whether you want to clear out Grandma's attic or develop a thriving business, join us to learn strategies for eBay selling success.



WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, Continued

6:30 - 8:30 pm—NFB BLIND DRIVER TEST TRACK **Sebastian L-1 Ballroom, Level 1**

6:30 - 9:00 pm—COLORADO CENTER FOR THE BLIND OPEN HOUSE **Panzacola H-4 Ballroom, Level 1**

Join us to discover what the Colorado Center is all about. Meet our staff and students during this interactive open house. Pick up a Braille recipe, learn about rock climbing, and hear about the latest technology being used at the Center. We look forward to seeing you! Julie Deden, Director

7:00 - 8:15 pm—NOPBC CONCURRENT SESSIONS FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS

IEPs for Rookies: The Law, Evaluations, Goals, Strategies

Wekiwa 1, Level 2

Instructor: Carlton Walker

VR Services? What's That?

Wekiwa 2, Level 2 Instructor: Dick Davis

Will and Estate Planning for Families with Special Needs Children **Wekiwa 4. Level 2**

Instructor: to be announced

7:00 - 8:30 pm—BOOKSHARE MEMBER PARTY AT NFB Wekiwa 5, Level 2

Enjoy snacks and refreshment. Plan to have fun with contests, drawings, and interacting with your fellow members. Meet the Bookshare staff. This is your opportunity to talk with us and share your ideas. We're here to listen, and we look forward to meeting you.

7:00 - 9:00 pm—NFB KRAFTERS DIVISION BUSINESS MEETING

Suwannee 18, Level 2

Unveiling new craft initiatives, including discussion on classes available via telephone conference and information on our Monday night nationwide chats. We are seeking teachers and students for crafting classes.

Joyce Kane, President



WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, Continued

7:00 - 9:00 pm—LEGISLATIVE STRATEGIES SEMINAR: MOVING LEGISLATION ON THE STATE AND NATIONAL LEVEL

Suwannee 13, Level 2

Each affiliate should send one representative. Learn the best methods of increasing support for our legislative priorities. Changing lives through laws is our business. Led by Jesse Hartle and Lauren McLarney

7:00 - 9:00 pm—NFB-NEWSLINE® DEMONSTRATION OPEN HOUSE Wekiwa 7, Level 2

Stop by and learn about NFB's free audio information service and get hands-on experience with access methods (including the NLS Digital Talking Book Downloader) and our enhanced job-listings feature.

7:00 - 10:00 pm—EXHIBITS ONLY Sebastian K Ballroom, Level 1

7:00 - 10:00 pm—MINUTE TO SWIM IT: YOUTH TRACK (ages 11-18) Pool Area

Come enjoy an evening of swimming and wacky games based on the popular game show "Minute to Win It." You don't want to miss an evening that is sure to be full of laughs and great memories!

8:00 - 10:00 pm—COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT Suwannee 11, Level 2

For the most part, technological developments tend to exclude blind people. Developers must change the ways future technologies are designed. Join us—perhaps you can suggest a technology or approach that nobody else has considered. Hai Nguyen Ly, Chairperson

8:00 pm - midnight—FLORIDA (INDOOR) BEACH PARTY! Panzacola G-1 and G-2 Ballrooms, Level 1

Come and take part in a real welcome to the Sunshine State hospitality evening hosted by the Florida affiliate. Catch up with your old friends and make new ones in an evening as fun as you choose to make it: dancing to tunes played by a DJ, cash bar, and other surprises!



WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, Continued

8:30 - 9:45 pm—NOPBC CONCURRENT SESSIONS FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS

IEPs for "Veterans": Getting a Good Plan in Place

Wekiwa 1, Level 2

Instructor: Carlton Walker

The ABCs of Braille Wekiwa 2, Level 2

Instructors: Gail Wagner and Vickie Buchignani

Finding Summer and Part-time Jobs

Wekiwa 4, Level 2

Instructors: Dick Davis and Panel of Blind Adults



THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2011

8:00 - 8:45 am—DEVOTIONS **Wekiwa 1, Level 2**

8:15 - 8:45 am—REGISTRATION (\$20)—Sebastian Ballroom Prefunction Area, Level 1



GENERAL SESSION

9:00 am INVOCATION

9:05 am FINANCIAL REPORT

9:55 am ELECTIONS

10:25 am DEVELOPING ENTREPRENEURIAL OPPORTUNITIES ONLINE THROUGH EBAY

Mary Ellen Gabias, Director of Online Entrepreneurship, National Federation of the Blind; Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada

Rick Willison, eBay Entrepreneur; Vancouver, Washington

- 10:50 am AN ACCESSIBLE ANDROID PDA Marc Mulcahy, President, LevelStar; Louisville, Colorado
- 11:05 am QUIET CARS, PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, AND PROTECTION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT: A PANEL DISCUSSION Moderator, John G. Paré, Jr., Executive Director for Strategic

Initiatives, National Federation of the Blind; Baltimore, Maryland

Highway

The Honorable David Strickland, Administrator, National

Traffic Safety Administration, United States Department of Transportation; Washington, D.C.

REPORT FROM GENERAL MOTORS Douglas B. Moore, Vehicle Performance Owner, General Motors; Milford, Michigan



THURSDAY, JULY 7, Continued

REPORT FROM TOYOTA MOTOR CORPORATION Kevin Ro, National Manager, Technical & Regulatory Affairs, Toyota Motor North America, Inc.; Washington, D.C.

11:50 amREPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

12:00 pmADJOURN

12:00 noon - 12:30 pm and 1:30 - 2:00 pm—REGISTRATION (\$20) Sebastian Ballroom Pre-function Area, Level 1

12:00 noon - 1:45 pm—EXHIBITS AND INDEPENDENCE MARKET (*Final time for Independence Market*)

Sebastian K and L Ballrooms, Level 1

12:00 noon - 1:45 pm—BLIND DRIVER TEST TRACK (*Final time*) Sebastian L-1 Ballroom, Level 1



GENERAL SESSION

2:00 pm CALL TO ORDER

2:05 pm STRATEGIC INITIATIVES REPORT

2:40 pm EQUAL ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY AND PROGRAMS IN

THE UNITED STATES

David M. Capozzi, Esq., Executive Director, United States Architectual and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board;

Washington, D.C.

2:55 pm THE BRAILLE MONITOR

3:00 pm REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS, AND OTHER BUSINESS

5:00 pm ADJOURN



THURSDAY, JULY 7, Continued

6:00 - 8:00 pm—AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND AND AccessWorld PRESENT AN ACCESSIBLE CELL PHONE ROUNDUP

Panzacola F-4 Ballroom, Level 1

You are invited to an informational reception featuring presentations by *AccessWorld* staff and hands-on opportunities with our top choices of phones for nonvisual and low vision use. We also look forward to greeting AFB's old friends and making new ones.

7:00 - 8:15 pm—EXPERIENCE THE BLIO READER: MAKING THE WORLD'S BOOKS ENJOYABLE, USABLE, AND ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYONE!

Suwannee 21, Level 2

Presented by James Gashel

7:00 - 9:00 pm—EXHIBITS ONLY Sebastian K Ballroom, Level 1

7:00 - 9:00 pm—"SOCIAL SECURITY AND SSI: WHAT APPLICANTS, ADVOCATES, AND RECIPIENTS SHOULD KNOW" SEMINAR

Suwannee 11, Level 2

Topics: Social Security and SSI benefits, including eligibility criteria, the application process, reporting obligations, and appeals process. Also get information on the Medicare prescription drug benefit income subsidy program.

Presenter: Daniel B. Frye, J.D., Social Security Advocate/Consultant

7:00 - 9:00 pm—IEP TRAINING FOR NFB VOLUNTEER ADVOCATES Suwannee 18, Level 2

Attorneys Sharon Krevor-Weisbaum and Carlton Anne Cook Walker instruct this workshop to provide an overview of the IEP legal framework, discuss how to deal with typical issues, and offer advice and tips for being an effective NFB volunteer advocate at IEP meetings for families with blind children.

7:00 - 9:00 pm—ACCESSIBLE MATH FOR STUDENTS WITH PRINT DISABILITIES

Wekiwa 10, Level 2

Come preview Pearson products that make college math more accessible! You'll work with JAWS on both an online homework system and readable eBook to provide us with feedback and your suggestions for future enhancements. Facilitators: Rick Clinton, Marlene Thom, and Heijung Kim



THURSDAY, JULY 7, Continued

7:00 - 11:00 pm—ELEVENTH ANNUAL SHOWCASE OF TALENT—Fee: \$5.00

Panzacola G-1 Ballroom, Level 1

Register early by contacting Performing Arts Division leaders at the convention by Tuesday. Proceeds benefit the division's scholarship program and other programs. Sponsored by the Performing Arts Division; Dennis H.R. Sumlin, President

7:30 - 9:00 pm—THE IMPACT OF ORACLE PRODUCTS IN EDUCATION AND THE WORKPLACE

Wekiwa 2, Level 2

Oracle technologies, platforms, and applications are installed at over 370,000 organizations worldwide, creating significant opportunities for people with disabilities. Learn about the latest developments in our key products, and hear from Oracle's own employees who rely on these technologies for their jobs.

8:00 - 9:00 pm—FRIENDS OF RECOVERY MEETING Suwannee 19, Level 2

All convention delegates involved in or interested in twelve-step

recovery programs are invited to attend. Gary Ray, Coordinator

8:00 - 11:30 pm—MONTE CARLO NIGHT Wekiwa 8, Level 2

Try your luck at any of the usual card games found on a casino floor. Sponsored by the National Association of Blind Students Division

8:30 - 9:45 pm—EXPERIENCE THE BLIO READER: MAKING THE WORLD'S BOOKS ENJOYABLE, USABLE, AND ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYONE!

Suwannee 21, Level 2Presented by James Gashel



FRIDAY, JULY 8, 2011

8:00 - 8:45 am—DEVOTIONS **Wekiwa 1, Level 2**

8:15 - 8:45 am—REGISTRATION (\$20)—*Final opportunity to register*. **Sebastian Ballroom Pre-function Area, Level 1**



GENERAL SESSION

9:00 am INVOCATION

9:05 am NO MORE SUBMINIMUM WAGES: THE TIME IS NOW! Fredric K. Schroeder, Ph.D.; Research Professor; San Diego State University; Vienna, Virginia

9:25 am CONDITIONS FOR THE BLIND IN THE WORKSHOP DURING

THREE DECADES

Stancil Tootle, Board Member, National Federation of the Blind of Georgia; Employee, Georgia Industries for the Blind; Bainbridge, Georgia

9:40 am REPORT ON DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT POLICY FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

The Honorable Kathleen Martinez, Assistant Secretary, Office of

Disability Employment Policy, United States Department of Labor;

Washington, D.C.

9:55 am VALUABLE WORK AND VALUABLE WORKERS: A REPORT FROM THE CHICAGO LIGHTHOUSE FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Dr. Janet Szlyk, President and Executive Director, The Chicago Lighthouse for People Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired; Chicago, Illinois

10:10 am CHANGES IN POLICY IN EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS FOR THE BLIND

Jim Kesteloot, Member, Committee for Purchase From People

Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled; Chicago, Illinois



FRIDAY, JULY 8, Continued

10:25 am ADDRESSING INEQUITIES IN THE WORKPLACE: THE PROMISE OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

The Honorable Jacqueline Berrien, Chair, United States Equal

Employment Opportunity Commission; Washington, D.C.

10:45 am A BLIND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF ONE OF THE LARGEST STATES IN AMERICA

The Honorable Governor David A. Paterson; New York, New York

11:00 am BUILDING ACCESSIBLE TOOLS FOR KNOWLEDGE: A
COMMITMENT BY A COMPUTER GIANT
Dr. Alan Eustace, Senior Vice President, Knowledge;

Google;

Mountain View, California

11:20 amLIBRARY SERVICES TO THE BLIND OF THE NATION AND ACCESS TO DIGITAL MATERIAL FROM THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Dr. Deanna B. Marcum, Associate Librarian for Library Services, The Library of Congress; Washington, D.C.

- 11:40 amQUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION
- 11:45 amreports and resolutions
- 12:00 pmADJOURN



12:00 noon - 1:45 pm—AMATEUR RADIO DIVISION BUSINESS MEETING

Suwannee 11, Level 2

D. Curtis Willoughby (ka0vba), President

12:00 noon - 1:45 pm—RAFFLES AND DRAWINGS Wekiwa 5, Level 2



FRIDAY, JULY 8, Continued



GENERAL SESSION

- 2:00 pm CALL TO ORDER
- 2:05 pm EQUAL ACCESS TO INFORMATION: THE URGENCY AND THE LAW Daniel Goldstein, Esq., Partner, Brown, Goldstein & Levy, LLP;

- Baltimore, Maryland
- 2:20 pm THE ACCESSIBLE CAMPUS IN CALIFORNIA: AN EXAMPLE FOR THE NATION

 Peter M. Siegel, Chief Information Officer and Vice Provost, Information and Educational Technology; University of California Davis; Davis, California
- 2:40 pm CIVIL RIGHTS FOR DISABLED AMERICANS
 Samuel Bagenstos, Esq., Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney
 General, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of
 Justice; Washington, D.C.
- 2:55 pm TRANSCENDENT IDEAS, THE MAN TO MAKE THEM CURRENT, AND A PARTNERSHIP EXPANDING ACCESS FOR ALL Ray Kurzweil, President and Chief Executive Officer, K-NFB Reading Technology, Inc.; Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts
- 3:15 pm BLIO: PROVIDING ACCESS TO THREE MILLION BOOKS AND GROWING
 James Gashel, Vice President of Business Development, K-NFB Reading Technology, Inc.; Denver, Colorado
- 3:30 pm A PARTNERSHIP FOR ACCESS: COMMENTS FROM THE MAJOR DISTRIBUTOR OF BOOKS IN THE UNITED STATES Robert Nelson, President, Digital Group, Baker & Taylor; Charlotte, North Carolina

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FRIDAY, JULY 8, Continued

- 3:45 pm BASEBALL, HALL OF FAME, BLINDNESS Ron Brown, Second Vice President, National Federation of the Blind; Indianapolis, Indiana
- 4:00 pm DR. JACOB BOLOTIN AWARD James Gashel, Chairperson, Dr. Jacob Bolotin Award Committee; Secretary, National Federation of the Blind; Denver, Colorado

4:35 pm REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

5:00 pm ADJOURN



7:00 pm—BANQUET Sebastian I and J Ballrooms, Level 1

INVOCATION

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Fredric K. Schroeder

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

BANQUET ADDRESS: Marc Maurer

RECOGNIZING A CHAMPION IN THE STRUGGLE BY THE BLIND FOR FULL

PARTICIPATION: THE HONORABLE CLIFFORD STEARNS, UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 6^{TH} CONGRESSIONAL

DISTRICT; FLORIDA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

11:00 pm—SCIENCE FICTION MEETING

All persons interested in science fiction and fantasy are welcome to join in an open discussion. Please contact Ed Meskys for room location.

CONVENTION NOTES:

- **Note 1.** A Federation Information Desk is in the registration area from Monday morning through Friday if you have questions or need assistance. The Florida affiliate also maintains a table near the hotel check-in desk in the main lobby to provide assistance and hospitality during much of the convention.
- **Note 2.** Rosen Shingle Creek room rates are: singles and doubles, \$63; triples and quads, \$67. In addition to the room rates, there is a 12.5 percent occupancy tax. There is no charge for children under sixteen in the room with parents as long as no extra bed is required. Proof of convention registration is necessary, including the showing of an NFB registration badge if requested. Otherwise, regular hotel rates must be paid. This is a non-smoking hotel; smoking is permitted only at specified areas outside.
- **Note 3.** Dog Relief Areas: There are two guide dog relief areas at the Shingle Creek hotel. The one closest to the sleeping room section is located outside lower lobby level at the rear side of the hotel toward the outdoor function space and pool area. The one closest to the meeting room section is located in the Panzacola-Sebastian wing on level one. Go past the Sebastian K and L Ballrooms (exhibits and Independence Market), exit through the doors across the end of the wing that lead to the event parking lot, and turn left.
- **Note 4.** All requests for announcements by President Maurer during General Sessions must be submitted in Braille.
- **Note 5.** Raffle tickets will not be sold in the registration area, and no raffles or other such drawings will take place during convention sessions or at the banquet. The single exception will be that national divisions may (if they request it in advance) conduct drawings during the sessions or at the banquet. Groups or affiliates wishing to conduct their drawings (or any person wishing to know the winners) may go at 12:00 noon on Friday to the Wekiwa 5 Room, Level 2.
- **Note 6.** Child-care services for children between the ages of six weeks and ten years are available during convention sessions, most meetings, and the banquet. Preregistration and payment by June 15 were required for child-care. Child-care is organized and supervised by Carla

McQuillan, the executive director of Main Street Montessori Association. Alison McQuillan serves as the activities and staff coordinator. Please note that child-care provides morning and afternoon snacks, but parents are required to provide lunch for their child(ren) every day.

Times listed are the opening and closing times for child-care. A late fee of \$10 per quarter-hour per child will be assessed for late pickups. Child-care hours are:

Sunday, 7/3 8:30 am to 12:30 pm and 1:30 to 5:30 pm

Monday, 7/4 Closed

Tuesday, 7/5 8:30 am to 12:30 pm and 1:30 to 5:30 pm Wednesday, 7/6 8:30 am to 12:30 pm and 1:30 to 5:30

pm

Thursday, 7/7 8:30 am to 12:30 pm and 1:30 to 5:30 pm

Friday, 7/8 8:30 am to 12:30

pm and 1:30 to 5:30 pm and

Banquet 7/8 6:30 pm to 30 minutes

after banquet ends

Note 7. Divisions, Committees, and Groups: The Federation carries on its business through affiliated divisions, committees, and groups, which are listed below along with their presidents or chairpersons.

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Agriculture and Equestrian: Fred Chambers, President;

Assistive Technology Trainers: Michael Barber, President;

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Diabetes Action Network for the Blind: Michael Freeman, President;

Human Services: David Stayer, President;

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National Association of Blind Veterans: Dwight Sayer, President;

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NAVIGATING THE HOTEL

(An article by Mary Ellen Jernigan reprinted from the May *Monitor*)

In recent years I have written a description of the layout of the convention hotel. Although I have tried, I haven't been able to come up with an image as memorable as "a high top tennis shoe lying on its side" to picture the footprint of the Hotel. Nor can I speak easily in terms of north, south, east, and west, because if you were to walk in the front door with compass in hand (which I did), you would find that you were heading not south, not east, or even southeast, but a little east of southeast—120 degrees to be exact.

The first thing to understand about the Hotel is that the meeting rooms are located in an area that is totally separate from the part of the Hotel that contains the sleeping rooms. The sleeping room

elevators do not go to the meeting room levels. This means that the starting place to find any meeting room is always the main lobby.

When you have come in the front door, the Hotel registration desk is located to your left along the same wall as the front door. Directly across from the front door toward the far side of the lobby you will find the Birdcage. The Birdcage is a tall, free-standing structure about three feet across filled with colorful, chirping, tropical birds, and is used by Hotel staff and guests alike as a major landmark and meeting place. Just beyond the Birdcage is a balcony railing overlooking the level below. Since the odd compass orientation of the Hotel makes speaking of facing, turning, or walking north, south, east, or west not particularly meaningful, I will use the following terms in describing the lobby: front door side of the lobby, balcony side of the lobby, facing the balcony, facing the front door, and standing at the Birdcage.

There are two sets of elevators in the main lobby. One set serves the lobby level, the lower lobby level, and floors 1 through 10. These elevators are located inside of a short, free-standing elevator corridor which is perpendicular to and directly across from the Hotel check-in desk. The corridor has an opening at both ends—one end opening toward the Hotel check-in desk, and the other end opening toward the balcony side of the lobby. If you turn right as you exit the elevator corridor at the balcony end of the corridor, you will be heading directly toward the Birdcage.

The second set of elevators serves the lobby level, the lower lobby level, and floors 10 through 14. To find this set of elevators from the front door, cross the lobby to the Birdcage (at this point you will be facing the balcony rail overlooking the lower level) and turn right, walking until you dead end at a display case outside of the entrance to the Cala Bella restaurant. The elevators are now immediately on your right.

The numbering system for the sleeping rooms is based on the floor and the wing in which the room is located, with the floor number given first followed by the wing designation and then the room number. On each sleeping room floor as you leave the elevator area there is a tactile placard on the wall giving a diagram of the wing layout. The letters and numbers can be read tactilely.

If you are standing at the Birdcage facing the balcony rail, the

staircase leading down to the lower level will be to your right along the balcony rail. Farther to your right is the fine dining Italian bistro Cala Bella. If you are facing the balcony rail and turn left at the Birdcage you will be walking along the balcony side of the lobby. You would pass the opening into the 1 to 10 elevator corridor on your left, and then continuing on you would find the Concierge on your right. Immediately beyond the Concierge's desk is a small single elevator which serves only the lobby level, the lower lobby level, and sleeping rooms located on the third floor. Just beyond this elevator is the entrance into the spa. In this corner of the lobby you will also find men's and women's rest rooms and a staircase leading to the third floor sleeping rooms.

Located on the lower level of the lobby is the large Café Osceola, which is open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner offering both buffets and ala carte menu options. Also on this level is the 18 Monroe Street Market. This market is open 24 hours a day and is a combination of convenience store and quick-service restaurant. The restaurant part of the operation opens at 6:30 a.m. and continues well into the evening, offering hot and cold deli-style sandwiches, salads, pizza, hot entrées and desserts either for dine-in or take-out to your room or the outside eating area near the pools. This is a large area containing tables and chairs.

The Hotel swimming pools and hot tubs, outdoor function space, and recreation areas, and the Cat-tails Pool Bar and Grille are all accessed from the lower lobby level. All of this outdoor space is located on the rear side.

Outside on the front entrance side at the lobby level is a standalone facility housing a restaurant called A Land Remembered, and the Shingle Creek Clubhouse Grille. As you leave the Hotel, a long covered walkway to the right of the front entrance leads to these restaurants. The Clubhouse Grille is open for lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A Land Remembered is open for dinner only.

MEETING SPACE

The meeting space is connected to the main lobby and sleeping room section by a wide passageway accessed only from the lobby level. Standing at the Birdcage facing the front door side of the Hotel, walking forward across the lobby, and making a left turn just before going out the front door places you at the entrance to the passageway connecting the lobby and meeting space. Or if you are coming into the Hotel through the front door, making a right turn immediately after passing the bell stand will place you at the entrance to this

passageway.

Along both sides of the passageway are restaurants and shops. Walking toward the meeting space, the first thing on your left will be Smooth Java, a full-service coffee bar featuring Starbucks coffees; followed by The Headwaters Lounge which serves appetizers, salads, and sandwiches, as well as beverages; and finally the Banrai Sushi Restaurant. The right side of the passageway as you walk toward the meeting space has a Guest Services counter where you can obtain tickets and transportation to various local attractions or arrange for an Enterprise rental car, followed by a number of retail shops, and the Tobias Flats and Watering Hole serving soups, salads, grilled flatbread sandwiches, and desserts.

After passing by the retail shops and eateries, you come to a large Rotunda which serves as the entryway to the Hotel's meeting space sometimes referred to as the "Convention Center." Continuing straight ahead, crossing the Rotunda to the far side, you will find a wide, short flight of steps leading up to Level 2 of the meeting space. At the base of the steps to the right and the left are escalators and staircases leading down to Level 1 of the meeting space. The escalator and staircase on your right take you to the Panzacola-Sebastian wing of the meeting space on Level 1. All of our meetings and activities on Level 1 are in the Panzacola-Sebastian wing. The escalator and staircase on your left lead to the Gatlin wing of the Level 1 meeting space. A small escalator located to the right of the steps also leads up to Level 2 of the meeting space.

None of our meetings or activities takes place in the Gatlin wing. Should you go down that escalator or staircase on your left, you cannot get to our meeting space in the Panzacola-Sebastian wing except by coming back up to the Rotunda and taking the other escalator or staircase leading to the Panzacola-Sebastian wing.

With respect to the escalator and staircase, the staircase is located between the up escalator and the down escalator. A small elevator also serves the meeting space in the Panzacola-Sebastian wing on Level 1, the Rotunda, and the meeting space on Level 2. Please note that there is also a small elevator that goes from Level 2 to the Rotunda and to the Gatlin wing on Level 1. This means that should you happen to take the Gatlin wing elevator from Level 2, you would need to get off at the Rotunda. Remember, if you end up in the Gatlin wing

(either by taking the wrong elevator, the wrong staircase, or the wrong escalator), you need to return to the Rotunda to get to the Panzacola-Sebastian wing. Level 2 of the meeting space is also served by two short escalators going only between the Rotunda and Level 2—the down escalator being found near the small elevator serving the Panzacola-Sebastian wing, and the up escalator being found near the small elevator serving the Gatlin wing.

If you continue straight ahead after you reach the top of the short flight of steps leading to Level 2, you enter a corridor containing the ten Wekiwa meeting rooms. These rooms are along both sides of the corridor with 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 on the right, and 10, 9, 8, 7, and 6 on the left.

If at the top of the steps you were to turn left and continue walking until you cannot go farther and then turn right, you enter a corridor containing the eleven Suwannee meeting rooms. These rooms are along both sides of the corridor with 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 on the right side, and 21, 20, 19, 18, 17, and 16 on the left. There are restrooms just ahead of you before you make the right turn into the Suwannee meeting room corridor.

Also located on Level 2 are the St. John's meeting rooms, but we do not use the St. John's rooms for any of our meetings.

The General Sessions, the Board meeting, the Banquet, the Exhibit Hall (which this year includes the Independence Market), Registration and Preregistration, Resolutions Committee meeting, and a number of our other activities and meetings are located on Level 1 in the Panzacola-Sebastian wing. The Panzacola-Sebastian wing contains the Panzacola ballroom and the Sebastian ballroom—both of which divide up into many smaller meeting room

sections. The names of the sections of the Panzacola ballroom begin with F, G, or H. The sections of the Sebastian ballroom begin with I, J, K, or L.

As you enter the Panzacola-Sebastian wing from the escalator, staircase, or small elevator you are entering an L-shaped passageway. As you continue walking straight ahead, you are walking along the short arm of the 'L.' The Panzacola meeting rooms F-4, F-3, F-2, and F-1 (in that order) will be on your left. There will be no rooms on your right. This short arm of the 'L' is about 200 feet long and ends at the Panzacola registration counter. (We are not using the Panzacola registration counter, but it is a good landmark to use to find the intersection of the long and short arms of the 'L.') Turning left at the Panzacola registration counter, you enter the very long (about 500 feet) arm of the 'L.' Along the left side of the long arm of the 'L' passageway (also known as the Panzacola-Sebastian Pre-function area) will be entryways (in this order) to the Panzacola G and H rooms, and the Sebastian I, J, K, and L rooms. Along the right side of the passageway are glass doors and windows to the outside of the Hotel, restrooms, and the Sebastian registration counter. Preregistration on Monday, July 4, will be at the Sebastian registration counter. Registration on Monday, July 4, for those who have not preregistered will be farther down the 'L' beyond the Sebastian registration counter. Later in the week, all registration will be at the Sebastian registration counter. During much of the convention, the Hotel plans to offer buffettype fast food service (quick breakfasts, beverages, soups, sandwiches, salads, chips, and perhaps some hot entrées) in the Panzacola-Sebastian Pre-function area.

General Sessions will be held in Sebastian I and J. The Exhibit Hall will be in Sebastian K and L, which is the last section of the Sebastian ballroom at the very far end of the 500-foot passageway. Doors across the far end of the passageway lead outside to the Event Parking Lot, where the CARS Division Auto Show and the Blind Driver Challenge demonstrations will take place. Exiting these doors and turning left will lead to another dog relief area.

As I bring this article to a close, I offer one final navigation tip. If after studying this material you remember only one thing—it should be this: To go to any meeting of any kind from inside the Hotel you must get yourself to the Rotunda.

See you at the Rotunda!



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